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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Production Services Group, NPIC

THROUGH : Chief, Research and Reference Division, PSG

SUBJECT : Comments on NIS General Survey

1. The following comments were prepared by the reference librarians who use the NIS frequently. Their impression is that the largest user in our building [redacted]

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2. [redacted] makes a most attractive package. It has an excellent format and is concise and well written. Furthermore the comparative brevity does not appear to sacrifice essential information in most of the sections. It is a good basic guide for someone not familiar with the country.

3. Much of the political, social and economic information found in the new NIS is available in other reference publications. One example is the Area Handbook series published by American University for the Department of the Army. However the new production schedule of 30 General Surveys a year should keep the information current. The major criticism by the photointerpreters in the past was the lack of current information in the NIS.

4. Compared to previous sections of the NIS there is a noticeable lack of the type of detail [redacted]

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[redacted] hope that the agencies which have produced these separate sections in the past would continue to publish this information in some form.

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[REDACTED] will be interested mainly in the sections on Transportation and Telecommunications, Military Geography, Armed Forces, and Science.

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